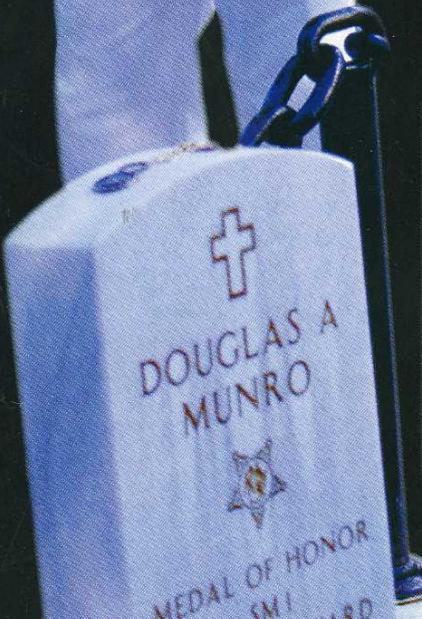
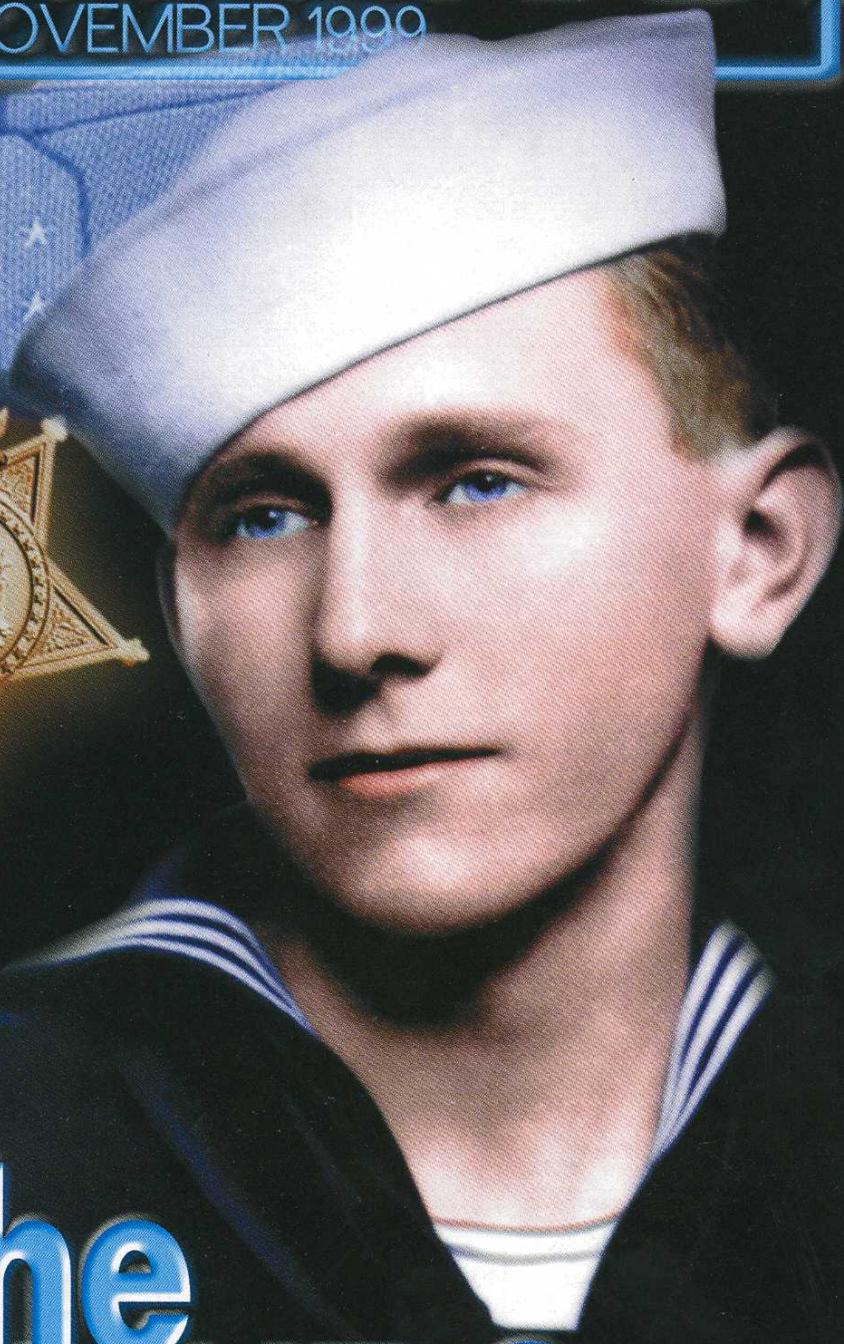


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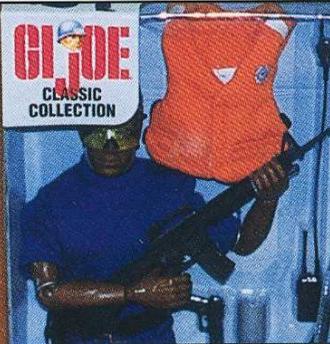
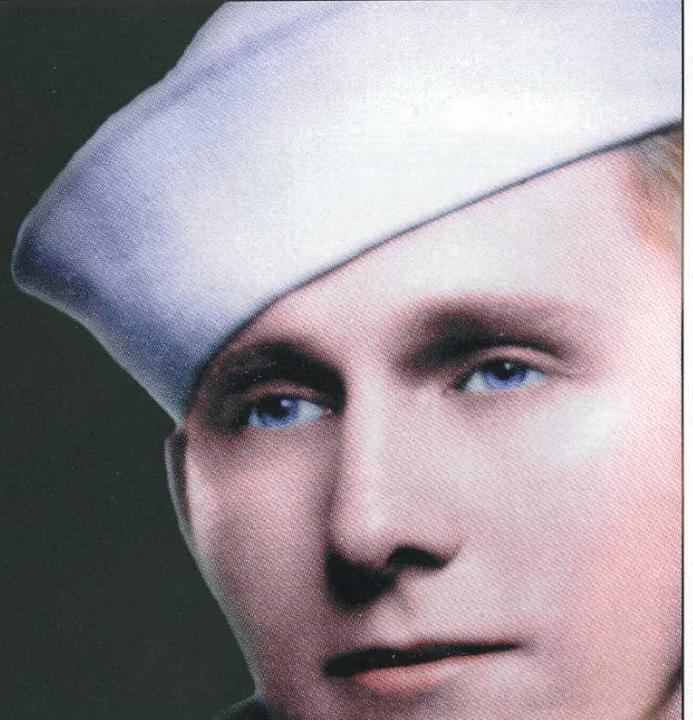
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Letter from the Editor's boss



CDR Dale Rausch

LT Ruby Collins, USCGR

GETTING THE WORD OUT

"Pass the Word" is a familiar and often used military phrase that sums up the business of the Headquarters Reserve Communications Division (G-WTR-2). Our principle calling is to spread the good word about the Coast Guard Reserve. Our customer base is very widespread; we supply Reserve-specific information about the Coast Guard to the Department of Defense, the Reserve Forces Policy Board, and the many military and veterans' organizations that form the Military Coalition. More importantly, we provide information and news to reservists in the field. The end of Coast Guard Reserve units and district Reserve divisions has affected the way reservists receive timely news and information. We are working to fill this gap by improving and expanding the Coast Guard Reserve Website, as well as by continuing to improve this magazine.

We encourage you to provide us with the feedback we need to do a better job. We will distribute a survey soon to gather your opinions and to help us measure how we're doing. Your assistance will be vital in helping us to improve the way we pass the word.

I look forward to the challenge of serving as your new Chief of the Reserve Communications Division. My predecessor, **CDR Chuck Polk** did a magnificent job over the past five years developing this division into a respected source of Coast Guard Reserve information. We have a very talented staff that is dedicated to providing the most up-to-date and accurate Reserve news and information.

— CDR Dale M. Rausch, USCGR

RESERVE FORUM & RTC YORKTOWN

While serving as Director of Reserve this past summer, I had an opportunity to use the Reserve Forum as a decision-making tool in matters affecting the Coast Guard Reserve program. The Reserve Forum is a great way to exchange ideas, and I encourage those who have constructive thoughts or innovative ideas to share them via the Forum.

Recently, there has been much discussion in the Reserve Forum about the name Reserve Training Center Yorktown, and whether it is time to drop the word "Reserve" from the name. A quick study of this issue reveals that less than 6 percent of the total annual student population are reservists.

Reservists now attend classes or receive training at all Coast Guard training facilities, depending on the course of instruction. But more importantly, we made an informed and deliberate move to integrate the Reserve Component with the active duty in 1994. With this move, Reserve units, Reserve groups, Reserve divisions in districts, and Reserve equipment were eliminated. For RTC Yorktown to remain "Reserve Training Center" is inaccurate and misleading. It should have been changed when we moved to a unified Coast Guard workforce model.

For this reason, while serving as Director of Reserve, I asked the Commandant to change the name to accurately reflect its mission as a training command that provides invaluable service and equal access to every sector of Team Coast Guard.

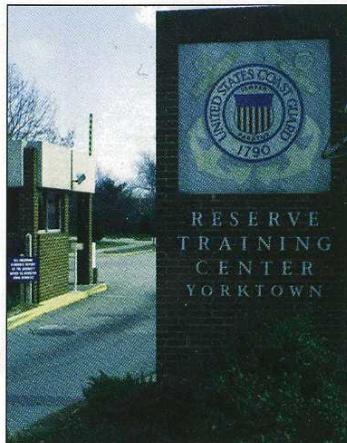
— RADM Carlton D. Moore, USCGR
Fair Oaks, Calif.

Ed's note: On Oct. 12, 1999, the Commandant approved a decision memo from RADM Moore recommending the renaming of RTC Yorktown to TRACEN Yorktown. The Reserve Forum is available to all reservists via the Reserve Web site: www.uscg.mil/reserve. However, first-time Forum users need to obtain a password from LCDR Kevin Pratt at e-mail: kp Pratt@comdt.uscg.mil.

I couldn't agree more with LT Michael Bee's comments published in the Reserve Forum concerning Reserve Training Center Yorktown's name

change (August 1999). I'm still hashing around CAPT Greg Magee's comment on how "frustrating" it was for the crew who had to explain themselves to friends and neighbors that they really did work full time and not just on weekends. It sounds like a little stigma to me.

— PS1 Robert J. Minard III
Tampa, Fla.



QUESTIONS ABOUT WEIGHT STANDARDS

An issue surfaced recently with the Reserve Policy Manual (RPM) and I would like some direction. The 7th District has been placing some overweight reservists on the Inactive Status List (ISL). I see no reference to that in the new RPM. It is

addressed in the old Reserve Administration & Training Manual (RATMAN), but that only pertains to officers. These folks are enlisted. I have three questions:

1. Is ISL still valid? D7 still has an active OPFAC for it.
2. If so, should the RPM make some reference to it?
3. Does M1020.8C (Weight Standards) reference the ISL for overweight folks as well?

— MCPO Kirk D. Murphy, USCGR
Merritt Island, Fla.

Ed's note: These questions came in during the summer to LT Steve Custer, Assistant Division Chief of CG Personnel Command's Reserve Personnel Management Division (he's now at Commandant [G-WTR-1]). We felt all reservists could benefit from this thorough answer, so it is republished here.

Maximum Allowable Weight (MAW) is discussed in the Reserve Policy Manual M1001.28, Section 1.C.2.b.(4). Specifically, reservists should not be transferred to the ISL for failure to meet their MAW unless they are still overweight after their probationary period. If they are overweight after their probationary period, they should be transferred to the ISL for a period of not more than one year. If at the end of that one year, they are still overweight, they should be processed for discharge. It should not be an automatic thing to transfer reservists who are overweight to the ISL without putting them through

the probationary period addressed in COMDTINST 1020.8 (series). Reservists should be afforded the same opportunity to comply with weight standards as active duty members.

This is a process that will require some tracking. For officers who fail to meet weight standards after their probationary period, the ISC should submit a request to CGPC-rpm to transfer the member to the ISL. For enlisted members who fail to meet weight standards after their probationary period, the ISC should transfer the member to the ISL. For each, the ISC must track and follow up with these members one year from the date they are placed in the ISL to determine if they are within their MAW. If so, they can transfer the member back to the SELRES. If not, the member must be processed for discharge. For officers, the ISC should notify CGPC-rpm to have a letter written to notify the member they are going to be discharged and that their ISC will do the discharge processing. For enlisted members, the ISC must notify the member that they are being processed for discharge.

A CHALLENGE TO ALL RESERVISTS!

Hurricane Floyd devastated parts of North Carolina. Coast Guard Reservists who helped out there can certainly attest to the need for rebuilding. Over 700 homes were flooded in the Tarboro/Edgecombe County area alone!

Habitat for Humanity has taken on the task of renovating or building 12 homes for flood victims in that area during the next 12 months. Even with using volunteer labor and donated material, it will still take \$10,000-\$20,000 to renovate a home and approximately \$40,000 to build one. Habitat is not a charity in the sense it gives away homes. Recipients contribute sweat equity and pay back no interest mortgages to assume full ownership. Most of the labor and a lot of the materials are donated, so we can build a quality three bedroom, one bath home for \$40,000 or less.

Since the Coast Guard was so visible during the floods, why not remain so during the recovery period, which is expected to be two to five years? Therefore, I would like to send out a challenge to all drilling members of the Coast Guard Reserve to help sponsor a home. If each reservist committed \$10, we could actually have enough to construct two homes. Habitat for Humanity is a registered non-profit organization, and all contributions are

tax deductible. We will also solicit USCGR work teams to work on the sponsored homes, document and photo the progress and results for *The Reservist*.

For those who would like to help, checks may be made payable to Tarboro/Edgecombe Habitat for Humanity, Memo/Remarks "USCGR House Donation." Mail to: Tarboro/Edgecombe Habitat for Humanity, C/O LCDR L. A. Daniels, 1404 Chauncey Drive, Tarboro, NC 27886. I will ensure that all the USCGR contributions are designated toward the USCGR sponsored home(s). I have committed the first \$100 toward making this happen.

— LCDR Bud Daniels, USCGR
Tarboro, N.C.

Ed's note: LCDR Daniels' phone number is 252-972-7202, Fax: 252 972-7830, Email: bud.daniels@mail.sprint.com.

WHEN DOES DUTY BEGIN?

Recently some reservists had a discussion as to when we fall under the umbrella of the USCG in the event of an accident. Does our duty begin from the time we leave home to report to our duty station (more than 100 miles) or does it begin when we arrive for duty? And, does this apply to ADT as well as IDT? Thank you.

— PS2 Michael Pevear
Rocky Mount, N.C.

Ed's note: We checked with LCDR Kevin Pratt of the Reserve Programs & Policy Division (Commandant G-WTR-1). He told us that coverage begins when you depart from home and continues until you return home, regardless of whether you're on ADT or IDT.

BLOOD DONORS

Ed's note: In the February 1999 issue, the back cover showed a line of Coast Guard personnel waiting to give blood. In the June/July 1999 issue, Coast Guard Reservist CWO4 Robert Davidson, of Group Lower Mississippi River, wondered if anyone in the Coast Guard had exceeded his total of 11 gallons of blood. Here are some of the responses we received:

• I started giving blood in the early 1970s while on active duty in the Coast Guard stationed at Elizabeth City, N.C. On July 13, 1999, I gave for the 197th time. That is a total of 24 gallons, five pints (197 pints).

— MK2 Garland D. Hunt, USCGR
Lynchburg, Va.

• I started giving blood in 1963 and have donated 24 gallons (192 pints).

— SK2 Bob Rehmer, USCGR
Largo, Fla.

• I will be 65 in September and have been giving since I was 17. So far, I'm up to 23 gallons and one pint (185 pints).

— LCDR Eugene Brandau, USCGR(Ret.)
Gulfport, Miss.

• I have donated 17 gallons (136 pints) of blood since I first started giving in college.

— CDR Patrick J. Murray, USCGR(Ret.)
Rockville, Md.

• I have been donating blood for over 25 years and have donated over 15 gallons of blood to date (at least 120 pints).

— LCDR Charles A. Spitz, USCGR(Ret.)
Wall, N.J.

• How about 12 gallons and three pints (99 pints)?

— MKCS Edgar D. Burtrum, USCGR(Ret.)
San Diego, Calif.

• Recently, I completed giving pint number 98, or 12 gallons and two pints.

— YN2 Thomas S. Howard, USCGR
Augusta, Maine

LICENSE PLATE OF THE MONTH

Florida: The Sunshine State

MCPO Tom Grant closed the book on a phenomenal 42-year career in the Coast Guard Reserve at a retirement ceremony in Jacksonville, Fla. on Oct. 23, 1999. We honor him in this issue by featuring his Florida "MCPO" license plate.

"I'm proud of my personalized Florida tag," said Grant, who keeps the plates on his Dodge Caravan fastened with a United States Coast Guard license plate holder. "I feel I have earned this distinction because I have been a master chief for over 24 years."

Prior to his retirement, he served at MSO Jacksonville, Fla. as a team leader in charge of military explosive handling. He also conducted leadership workshop seminars throughout the 7th District, supported shuttle operations at Cape Canaveral and worked with the Sea Partners program. Consequently, he traveled around the 7th District often during the latter part of his career. His tags were admired by many E-9s.

"They always ask me how I got that tag and I respond by telling them I'm not giving it up, but they can have it if they are senior to me in time in grade. I



MCPO Tom Grant

haven't had any takers yet!" Grant chuckled.

Though now officially retired, Grant isn't calling it quits altogether. He will continue to work shuttle operations with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

"PORT WING"

RELEVANT AND READY... TODAY AND TOMORROW.



A work group was commissioned recently by Charles L. Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, to examine all the Reserve Components. Working in cooperation with the Institute for Defense Analyses, the group's goal

is to report on initiatives to meet the Total Force objectives established in 1997 by Secretary of Defense William Cohen, and to identify steps necessary to implement the recommendations of *Joint Vision 2010*.

The first service to be studied was the Coast Guard, due primarily to our early move to integrate our Reserve and Active components. The study forced us to quantify our achievements and analyze their impact on traditional missions. It became a yardstick to measure relevancy. And, by any measure, the Coast Guard Reserve is more relevant than ever.

Today, the Reserve Component provides over 300,000 work-days in support of virtually all Coast Guard missions: marine safety, law enforcement, search and rescue, marine environmental protection and response, and, especially, national defense. Direct augmentation of operational programs totaled over 110,000 work-days, or about 450 work-years.

Search and rescue, one of the Coast Guard's primary missions, accounted for 33 percent of routine Reserve augmentation activities. Port safety and security comprised 26 percent while marine environmental protection accounted for 13 percent. Other operational programs, including law enforcement, aids to navigation, merchant vessel inspection, defense operations, boating safety and vessel traffic services, made up the balance of routine augmentation activities.

Aside from its value as a force multiplier for routine operations, the Coast Guard Reserve contributes invaluable service in contingency and "surge" operations. In the past two years, reservists have been called to respond to Hurricanes Bonnie and Georges, as well as the John F. Kennedy, Jr. search-and-recovery operation. During September 1999, operational commanders requested and received authority to involuntarily recall up to 350 reservists in anticipation of rescue and recovery operations following Hurricane Floyd.

During the past decade, Coast Guard Reservists have responded to 33 emergencies, local and regional disasters, and military contingencies. In all, reservists provided over 250,000 workdays of surge support.

Reservists provide non-crisis surge support, too. For instance, the Coast Guard relies heavily on reservists to

help run its many seasonal units, including small boat stations. Operation Summerstock recently completed its 27th consecutive year with reservists from throughout the nation helping to operate 14 stations on the Great Lakes during the busy summer months. Reservists performed over 4,100 days of work in support of Operation Summerstock in 1999.

Activities in support of defense contingencies comprised over 45 percent of contingency and surge operations in FY 1999. The Reserve provides nearly 100 percent of the Coast Guard's expeditionary warfare forces through Navy/Coast Guard harbor defense command units (HDCUs), port security units (PSUs) and Naval Coastal Warfare Groups (NCWGs), which support the regional CINCs. Reservists from the Joint Reserve Unit at the U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. supported NATO combat operations in Kosovo.

The above examples demonstrate the Reserve Component's relevancy to today's Coast Guard. With few exceptions, field commanders openly state that they could not carry out their missions today without their reservists.

Our Reserve's relevancy to tomorrow's Coast Guard, however, represents a formidable challenge for two reasons: new and emerging missions for the Coast Guard, and unknown workforce limitations.

In view of virtually peerless U.S. military power, there is an increasing likelihood that a potential adversary may use asymmetric means to attack the United States. The Coast Guard is ideally situated to coordinate an integrated national security capability at the nation's maritime gateways. The protection and coordination of critical infrastructure in ports and in coastal areas is a critical mission that the Coast Guard is well suited to perform. Depending on the outcome of congressional debates, there may be a need in the near future to expand our Reserve's contribution to this emerging mission.

Because the Coast Guard Reserve's customary national security role has become blended with our additional peacetime missions, the Office of Management and Budget in 1997 ordered a roles and missions study of the Coast Guard Reserve.

The study identified the need for a Coast Guard Selected Reserve of 12,293 members based on an optimal mix of the resources necessary to accomplish projected mission requirements into the first decade of the 21st century. That represents a 35 percent increase over the current authorized SELRES strength of 8,000. However, it should be noted that the total requirement cited in the study did not include the new, emerging mission requirements of Homeland Defense.

As we move into the new millennium, our challenge is to build and maintain a right-sized, ready and responsive workforce, as relevant tomorrow as we are today.

**By Rear Admiral Carlton Moore, USCGR
Deputy for Mobilization & Reserve Component Affairs, Pacific Area**

NEW LEGISLATION CODIFIES OFFICE OF CG RESERVE, FLAG AS DIRECTOR

PUBLIC LAW 106-695 IS PASSED BY CONGRESS AND SIGNED BY PRESIDENT OCT. 5

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Members of Congress, the Commandant, representatives from the Pentagon and the Military Coalition were among those present Nov. 10 for a reception celebrating the statutory establishment of the Office of the Coast Guard Reserve and the flag-level Director of the Coast Guard Reserve.

At an early morning gathering held at Rayburn House Office Building, attendees hailed passage of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, (P.L. 106-695). Congress approved the legislation and the president signed into law on Oct. 5, 1999.

A flag officer has headed up the Office of Coast Guard Reserve at Headquarters since 1963. However, that office had been established by authority and direction of the Commandant, and was never codified until passage of this legislation.

Section 557 of the new legislation amends Chapter 3 of Title 14 U.S. Code by adding a section establishing the Office of the Coast Guard Reserve and its Director. Paragraph 53 states: "There is in the executive part of the Coast Guard an Office of the Coast Guard Reserve. The head of the Office is the Director of the Coast Guard Reserve."

The new legislation also states that the Director of the Coast Guard Reserve, while so serving, holds a grade above captain, and is the principal adviser to the Commandant on Coast Guard Reserve matters and may have such additional functions as the Commandant may direct. It also states that the Director is responsible for preparation, justification, and execution of the personnel, operation and maintenance, and construction budgets for the Coast Guard Reserve.

"I am honored to be on watch when this occurred," said **ADM James Loy**, Commandant of the Coast Guard. "It's a great Coast Guard Day as always on Capitol Hill."

Loy thanked all the members of Congress as well as **RADM Robert Merrilees**, USCGR (Ret.) and the Reserve Officers Association Executive Committee for their hard work on this legislation.

"As the first person to serve as Director of Reserve under the new legislation, it is my honor to thank Congress and the president for placing the Coast Guard Reserve on a par with the other Reserve Components," said **RADM R. Dennis Sirois**, Director of Reserve of Training.

Merrilees, Chairman of the ROA's Coast Guard Affairs Committee and member of ROA's Executive Committee, said that the legislation brought the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve a lot of favorable attention from Congress.

Members of Congress in attendance included **Rep. Lynn Woolsey** (D-Calif.), retired Coast Guard Reserve captain and **Rep. Howard Coble** (R-N.C.), **Rep. Frank LoBiondo** (R-N.J.), **Rep. Owen Pickett** (D-Va.), **Rep. Steve Buyer** (R-Ind.), former Coast Guard Reservist and **Rep. Gene Taylor** (D-Miss.), **Rep. Norman Sisisky** (D-Va.) and **Sen. Frank Lautenberg** (D-N.J.).

"I'm always amazed at how the Coast Guard adjusts, at how you get everything done," said Lautenberg. "The Coast Guard is a preferred agency of Congress."

In a light-hearted moment, Lautenberg added that he's looking for something to do in retirement and wondered if



ADM James Loy, center, shares a light moment with Sen. Frank Lautenberg, right, at a CG Reserve reception held on Capitol Hill Nov. 10. Looking on are CAPT Douglas Clapp, far left, and RADM R. Dennis Sirois.

there is any law against recruiting a 75-year-old seaman.

Buyer said he didn't know about the Coast Guard's national security role until the Persian Gulf War when he learned of the Coast Guard's port security units.

"The Coast Guard and the Marine Corps have it right where you're all integrated," said Buyer, during the ceremony which happened to fall on the 224th birthday of the Marine Corps.

Fred Becker, Director of Naval Affairs for ROA, and one of the driving forces behind the legislation said that the legislation really helps maintain the Reserve's identity and that of the individual reservist out in the field, and that it puts the Coast Guard Reserve on a par with other Armed Forces.

The reception also drew the attendance of **Charles Cragin**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and **Mark Davidson**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Reserve Affairs).

In addition to Loy and Sirois, Coast Guard attendees included: **VADM James Card**, Vice Commandant; **VADM Timothy Josiah**, Chief of Staff; **RADM Fred Ames**, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources; **RADM Patrick Stillman**, Assistant Commandant for Congressional and Public Affairs and **RADM David Nicholson**, Director of Resources. **CAPT Robert Papp, Jr.**, Chief, Office of Congressional Affairs; **CAPT Douglas Clapp**, Chief, Office of Reserve Affairs; **CAPT Gerald Fleming**, Office of Governmental and Public Affairs and **CAPT Louis Farrell**, Coast Guard Liaison, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, also attended.

Members of the Military Coalition attending included Becker, Merrilees and **Jayson Spiegel**, Executive Director of ROA. **Dennis Pierman**, National Executive Director, Naval Enlisted Reserve Association; **YNC Irene Pieper**, editor of NERA's magazine *Mariner*; and **Joe Barnes**, Director of Legislative Programs, Fleet Reserve Association, were also there.

After the Office of Reserve (G-R) was established by the Commandant in 1963, it was reorganized as the Office of Readiness & Reserve in 1984. It was reorganized again in 1996, forming the Directorate of Reserve & Training, (G-WT), under the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (G-W).

FIRST REBI GRADUATES OF FY2000!



PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

The first Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination class of FY2000, Class 01-00, graduated 32 new direct petty officers at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. on Oct. 29, 1999. The two-week course introduces new reservists to many aspects of military and Coast Guard life. Front row, l to r: REBI instructors CPO Tom Rosencrance, CPO John Peacock. Second row, l to r: PS3 Michael Holtby, YN3 Cindy Eisen, MK2 Paul Cope, TC2 Don Mercer, HS3 Michael Rouse, PS3 Bryant Wooten, PS1 John Sevos. Third row, l to r: PS2 Rick Barton, MST1 Kevin Hadley, SN Jason Gilbertsen, MK3 Robert Buchanan, YN3 Leon Troy, Jr., PS3 Landry Simmons, Jr. Fourth row, l to r: SK2 Chris Halligan, DC3 Richard Bennett, MK3 Nicholas Dean, MK1 Weldon Wright, PS2 Kevin Hollenbacher, BM3 Parker Peacock. Fifth row, l to r: EM3 Victor Pavone, PS3 Gary Holland, MK3 Paul Boddy, MK1 Stan Meeks, BM1 Eric Renker (Class Leader), PS2 James Edwards, BM3 Anthony Knott. Back row, l to r: DC3 Dimosthenis Hatzigiannis, PS3 Darren Lewis, SK3 Mike Giangrosso, MK3 Kevin Wyman, PS2 Dale Berg; MK3 Harold Roebuck.

STRATTON IS MS. OCTOBER IN 2000 WIMSA CALENDAR

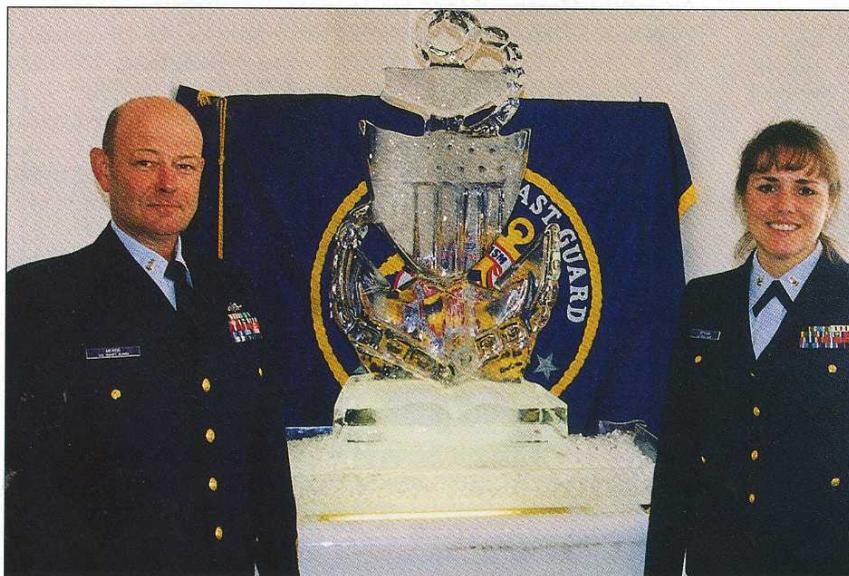
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Celebrating a Century of Women's Service is the theme of the Women in Military Service Memorial (WIMSA) calendar for 2000. Highlighted during October is **CAPT Dorothy Stratton**, first director of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPARs). Stratton, featured on the cover of the March 1999 *Reservist* when she turned 100, is pictured along with **FN Kimberly Stokes, SN Sarah Ferrell** and **ET1 Angie Mellen**.

To order a calendar, send a check or money order (made out to WIMSA) for \$12.50 (includes shipping) to WIMSA, P.O. Box 96745, Washington, DC 20090-6745. For credit card orders, call 1-800-222-2294. FAX: 703-931-4208. E-mail: WIMSA@sale@aol.com. WIMSA's Web site is: www.womensmemorial.org. Sale of the calendar is a fundraiser for WIMSA, a non-profit organization. The Coast Guard does not endorse this product. This is published as a news item and service for our readers.



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IT'S A SMALL, SMALL COAST GUARD...



PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

As they say, it's a small world, but it's an even smaller Coast Guard! Just ask CPO Mike Meros, left, and CPO Adrienne Ketcham, right, classmates at CPO Academy Reserve Class VIII and shown here at graduation Sept. 23. When Meros and Ketcham got to talking, they realized Meros not only had served with her father, Bob Ketcham, but he had attended his funeral in 1991 as well. At that time, Adrienne was an E-4 serving on TEMAC at Governors Island. Their paths did not cross again until this fall at the Chiefs Academy. Meros now drills at ESD New York while Ketcham serves at OSC Martinsburg, W.Va.

HORNBEAM, PAPA W DECOMMISSIONED

CAPE MAY, N.J. — After 55 years of service, *CGC Hornbeam* (WLB 394) was decommissioned at its home port here Sept. 30. Its crew of eight officers and 45 enlisted, including seven reservists, bid it farewell at a traditional decommissioning ceremony. **RADM J. Timothy Riker**, Deputy for Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs, Atlantic Area, served as keynote speaker. *Hornbeam*, which had 29 commanding officers during its time in service, was first commanded by **LT Oskar F. Anne**. Its final commanding officer was **LCDR Christopher P. Calhoun**.

The 180-foot "C" Class Seagoing Buoy Tender was built at Marine Iron and Shipbuilding Company in Duluth, Minn. and commissioned April 14, 1944. Named for a small, slow growing, bushy tree with extremely strong wood, the *Hornbeam* was home ported in Woods Hole, Mass. until undergoing a major shipboard renovation in 1976. Upon recommissioning in April 1977, *Hornbeam* moved to Cape May.

In addition to its routine service of maintaining aids to navigation marking the mid-Atlantic seacoast and Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, *Hornbeam* was involved in some exciting missions. *Hornbeam* rescued 45 survivors following the collision between the *SS Stockholm* and *SS Andrea Doria* in 1956 and participated in the shipping blockade during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. That same year, and again in 1994, *Hornbeam* was credited with keeping the Delaware Bay open to maritime commerce during a record-breaking ice season. It rescued the *F/V Gannett* during a hurricane off Cape Cod in 1971, and rescued the tug *Bertham* and barge *Michelle F* in 1978 and 1980, respectively. In 1992, *Hornbeam* was dispatched at the height of a nor'easter to prevent an oil-laden freighter from grounding near the Chincoteague National Seashore. As recently as 1997, it participated in Caribbean operations in the Dominican Republic.

With its decommissioning, the *CGCs Elm*, *Frank Drew* and *William Tate* will assume responsibility for *Hornbeam's*



Phil Anderson

CGC Hornbeam at its homeport in Cape May, N.J.

aids to navigation work. — **LT Barbara Anderson, USCGR** & **ENS James Bernstein, USCG**

GALVESTON, Texas — Another World War II-era cutter, *CGC Papaw* (WLB-308) was decommissioned Aug. 6. *Papaw*, with a proud 56 years service as a seagoing buoy tender, was built in 1943 by the Marine Iron and Shipbuilding Company of Duluth, Minn. First assigned to San Francisco, *Papaw's* major duty during World War II was establishing aids to navigation systems for the newly captured islands in the Pacific.

After the war, *Papaw* moved its home port many times, first to Astoria, Ore., then Miami, and in 1954 to Charleston, S.C. before entering Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) in October 1989 at the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, Md. Since June 1991, Galveston has been home port where it serviced approximately 150 aids to navigation from Brownsville, Texas to Calcasieu, La.

— **ENS Jason Gunning, USCG**

MSO SAN FRANCISCO HOLDS ANNUAL RESERVE CONFERENCE

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Marine Safety Office San Francisco held its fourth annual Reserve training and awards conference at Coast Guard Island here Sept. 11-12.

During the two-day workshop, unit personnel were recognized at an awards ceremony, received an update on administrative issues, and participated in a number of workshops on earthquake safety, drug and alcohol awareness, suicide prevention and safety.

Key participants included **RADM(Sel) Mary O'Donnell**, **CAPT Harlan Henderson**, commanding officer of MSO San Francisco, **CAPT Frank Buckley**, Coast Guard Headquarters, and **MCPO George Ingraham**, Reserve Force Master Chief. **LT John Livingstone**, USCGR, also officially retired at the conference.

"The truth is, we can't do our job without the assistance of our Coast Guard Reserve," said Henderson. "The operational tempo of this area is so great that it requires Reserve participation to get the job done."

MSO San Francisco's area of operation extends from the Oregon border to the southern part of Monterey County and inland as far away as Wyoming. Every year, the MSO oversees 96,000 vessel movements and responds to more than 400 incidents involving oil discharges or hazardous material releases.

— **PAC Bob Borden, USCGR**



PAC Bob Borden, USCGR

It was a family affair when LT John Livingstone, Jr., retired after 20 years in the Reserve. Shown left to right, Judi and LT John Livingstone, Jr., their children, Michele and John, and Livingstone's parents, Lou Anne and Col. John Livingstone, Sr., U.S. Army Reserve (Ret.). The ceremony was held in conjunction with MSO San Francisco's annual Reserve training conference Sept. 11.



The Coast Guard TOYBOX

By Paul C. Kruska

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Are you proud of your Coast Guard service? Here's a great way to show it — collect it! An assortment of USCG toys on display in your home or office will convey your pride, and you'll have fun collecting along the way, too.

A nice collection can be accumulated for a reasonable cost. However, once family and friends find out about your "hobby," they may start "donating" to it (Christmas, birthdays, etc.). A collection can be very diverse or may be specialized (e.g., USCG planes or cutters only). Over the years, many collectible Coast Guard toys have been made by United States and foreign manufacturers. Cutters, planes, vehicles, action figures, and more may be found.

Accurate scale models have been made in wood and plastic (model kits). Diecast toys such as planes, helicopters, and cutters are currently being made while lithographed tin and steel were once used to make many toy cutters and planes. Over the last several decades, many plastic toys have been made too (although not as highly prized by collectors as vintage metal toys). Action figures such as the new 12-inch Coast Guard G.I. Joe are very popular. Possibly, there are some USCG "lead soldiers" out there waiting to be discovered by a Coast Guard collector (1920-1960 was the era of the metal "dime store" soldier and other figures).

So, where do you find these toys, both old and new? Local flea markets and antique shows can be a great source. Sometimes, toys turn up at auctions too — read the fine print in auction listings. Antique shops and yard sales sometimes prove productive too. You might turn up some real Coastie treasures by simply scouting the toy section of your local discount store. Another possible source is toy collector magazines such as *Antique Toy World*, *Toy Trucker*, or *Toy Shop*.

Of course, be sure to check the Coast Guard Exchange System (CGES) located in your area for the latest Coast Guard toys. According to Marianne Draner,

CGES merchandise manager in Cleveland, 1999 was a very good year for Coast Guard toys.

"With the G.I. Joe and the Johnny Lightning racing car that came out this year, we had a great year," said Draner. "And a lot of people don't know that if they can't find what they're looking for at their local exchange, they can call our CGES nationwide special orders number, **1-800-242-9157**. Special orders can obtain the latest Coast Guard toys if they're in stock and readily available."

Another great source is via the Internet. Check search engines like *Yahoo.Com*, *AltaVista.com* or *Juno.com*. Also, *EBAY.com* offers dozens of Coast Guard toys available for sale at auction. Here's a recent sampling from EBAY:

ERTL USCG Grumman Goose diecast plane (1997), Johnny Lightning USCG diecast car (1999), Ohio Art tin seaplane (1950-60s), Tonka USCG helicopter (1999), Hasbro GI Joe USCG action figure (1999), MicroMachines Coast Guard Rescue (1995), CGC Burton Island plastic model kit, Glenco Models CG Rescue Boat, WWII Seaplane "Curtiss Seagull," Tin Litho USCG Boat, Revell Model C-130 Hercules, Revell Model USCG Ice Breaker

(1956), Ledo 1953 Pontiac USCG van (new), Hawk Model *CGC Taney* (1960s), USCG three-masted *Eagle* model, Dinky Toy Coast Guard missile launch (1950-60s), Woodette Coast Guard Man rowing lifeboat (1940s-50s), Diecast lighthouse keepers truck (1990s), Keystone U.S. Coast Defense Fort (1940s), 25-inch Orkin Coast Guard cutter (1930s), Playmobile USCG cutter (1990s), Cox CG helicopter (gas, it flies!), radio controlled 29-inch Coast Guard boat, Lego boat set, Rescue Force Coast Guard helicopter set (new), Chein USCG pontoon plane (1950s), Tootsietoy USCG seaplane (1950s).

Draner says that several items are in the planning stages including a helicopter and cutter version of the racing car. But don't wait until they're out to start your Coast Guard toy collection. Get out there and find some Coast Guard toys! And don't forget to ask Santa, too!

Ed's note: Paul C. Kruska is a pharmacist from Mt. Pleasant, Mich. with a long-time hobby of collecting toys, especially old ones! His connection to the Coast Guard is through his brother, Ed, who just happens to be a Coast Guard Reservist and editor of this magazine.



ON THE LOOKOUT FOR: RESERVE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

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Any Active Duty or Reserve officer in the grade of lieutenant junior grade (with at least two years of service) through lieutenant (with less than three years of time in grade) may apply. Applications are due no later than Dec. 19, 1999. Phase I of the board convenes Jan. 19, 2000.

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A GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

This month's Citizen-Sailor is LT Brion J. FitzGerald, USCGR, a Division Chief at Gettysburg National Military Park
Story and Photo by
PAC Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

"We are met on a great battlefield of that war...."

— Abraham Lincoln's
Gettysburg Address

Gettysburg! Simply say the name of that southern Pennsylvania town and it conjures up images of the great Civil War battle that occurred there July 1-3, 1863. Or perhaps you think of the words, "Four Score and seven years ago..." Ah yes, *The Gettysburg Address*, given by **Abraham Lincoln** on Nov. 19, 1863.

What you may *not* know is that Gettysburg, Pa. is named for **James Gettys**, a local tavern owner, sheriff, town clerk, road builder, state legislator and yes, even citizen-soldier. Gettys was a brigadier general in the local militia and was married to Mary Todd, a distant relative of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of the author of the *Gettysburg Address*. Or perhaps you didn't know that former president, **Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower**, and his wife, Mamie, moved 38 times during their marriage, but only owned one home — their farmhouse at Gettysburg. You also may not know that Coast Guard Reservist **LT Brion J. FitzGerald**, is a chief ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park where he's worked since 1995.

"I feel very lucky to have two jobs that have significant missions that I can get pumped up about," said FitzGerald, referring to his civilian job at the park and as a Coast Guard Reservist at the Coast Guard Headquarters Command Center.

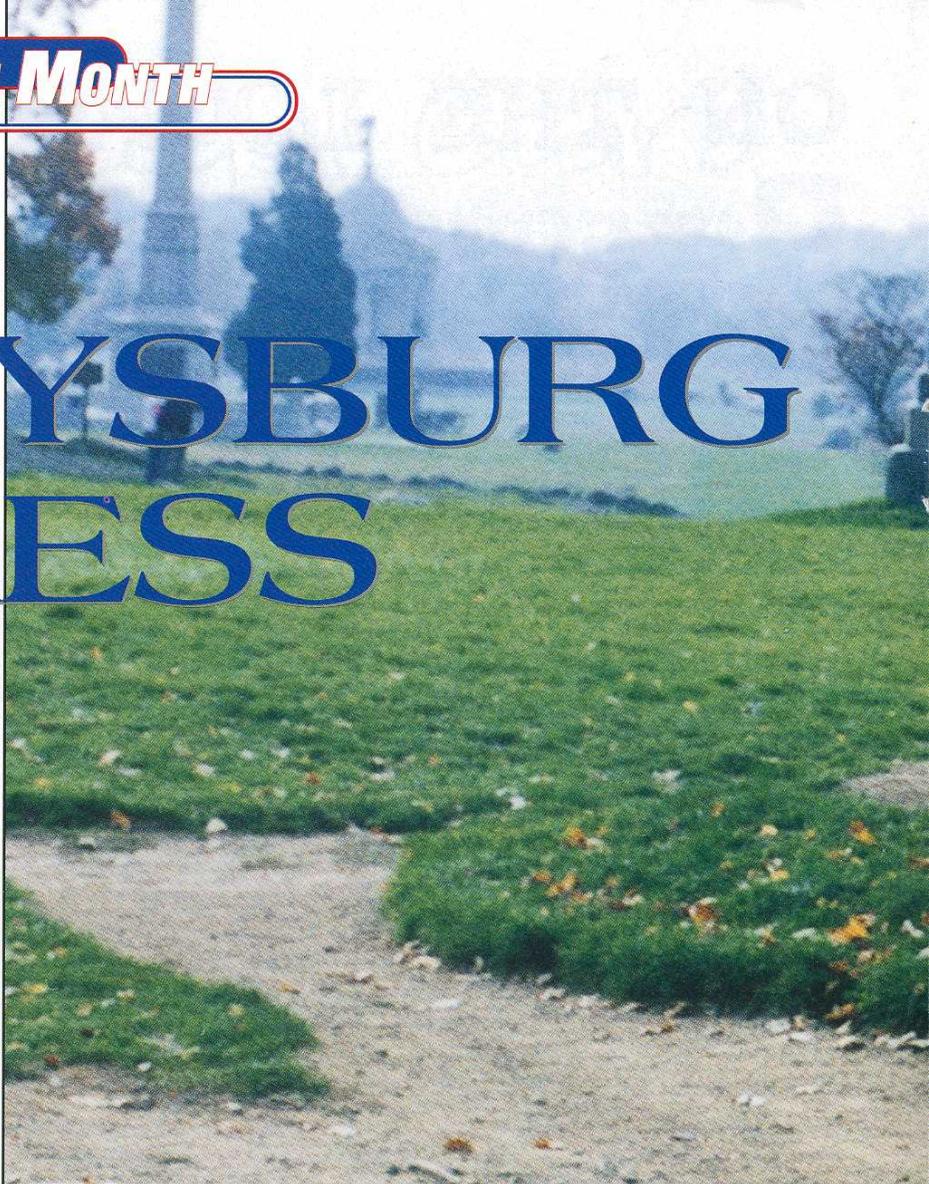
FitzGerald enjoys the peacetime mission of the Coast Guard and his Command Center job, which "changes every week and is never the same." His mission at the park is to help the public make the connection between then and now.

"At Gettysburg, we educate the public about the causes and consequences of the Civil War and how Gettysburg fits into the big picture," said FitzGerald. "There were 51,000 casualties during the Battle of Gettysburg and then, of course, Abraham Lincoln came here as well. We cannot forget what they did here because we're still fighting over many of the things Lincoln talked about in the *Gettysburg Address*."

The 43-year-old FitzGerald's official job title is Chief of Interpretation & Protection. As one of several division chiefs working under the Gettysburg Park superintendent, FitzGerald supervises the park staff responsible for interpretive programs. The protection part of his job title means he's in charge of law enforcement, emergency medical services and fire prevention. Curatorial and museum services are under his direction as well.

"We have 25 permanent and 10 to 15 seasonal workers," said FitzGerald. "The quality of the staff is great and without them, we couldn't do this, because Gettysburg is busy all year-round."

Busy may be an understatement for a park that plays host to 1.8 million visitors each year. It's especially busy the first week in July when the battle is commemorated. Another annual observance is Dedication Day, Nov. 19, the anniversary of the day Lincoln dedicated the Gettysburg National Cemetery and gave his famous address in 1863. Remembrance Day, the Saturday closest to Dedication Day, is held in honor of veterans, and is a day of parades and wreath-layings by Civil War re-enactors.





The road to Gettysburg began for FitzGerald in 1978 when the Winston-Salem, N.C. native was working on his bachelor's degree in park management at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. As part of his degree requirements, he did a semester internship as a back-country ranger in Great Smokey Mountains National Park in North Carolina. Since then, he has served with the National Park Service at Joshua Tree National Park in Southern California, Gulf Islands National Seashore in Mississippi, Saguaro National Park in Arizona, Everglades National Park in Florida, and Assateague Island National Seashore in Virginia.

"You must apply for each job," said FitzGerald. "It's competitive and you're competing with people from all over the nation. Good references help."

At Gettysburg, an interest in history helps too, which FitzGerald has developed over the years.

"I'm very interested in human history," said FitzGerald. "When I was a kid, my dad took our family through Civil War parks and Gettysburg looked like a great place."

With a permanent population of about 7,000, Gettysburg has also been a great place for his wife, Mary, and their three children. FitzGerald coaches soccer and is a cub scout leader, as well as an active member of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, where Abraham Lincoln stopped to pray after giving his speech. FitzGerald's brother Kevin, is also a chief ranger at Cape Cod National Seashore, Mass., and wrote the permit for the Coast Guard's 1995 C&O Canal 200-mile Run-Bike Relay (in which Brion FitzGerald participated as a runner and

bike support).

At Gettysburg, FitzGerald says one of the most interesting things he's worked on is the park's proposed new museum/visitor's center, a public-private partnership costing \$40.4 million. It is slated to be built over the next five years at a site about one-half mile southeast of where FitzGerald currently works in the Cyclorama building. The plan will allow for restoration of Ziegler's Grove, the center of the Union battle line where Union troops turned back Confederate soldiers.

"The new visitor's center will give a more coherent overview of Gettysburg and will be a great starting point for visitors," said FitzGerald.

But while that is in the works, Gettysburg will continue to have an effect on visitors every day, 136 years after the battle raged and Lincoln's famous words were spoken.

Says FitzGerald: "I get letters from people all the time who are deeply moved by their experience here at Gettysburg."

"...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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MUNRO

IN A SERVICE WITH A HISTORY FULL OF HEROES, IT IS DOUGLAS MUNRO WHO IS THE MOST CELEBRATED OF THEM ALL. ON SEPT. 27, 1942, HE LED THE RESCUE OF 500 MARINES FROM A BEACHHEAD AT GUADALCANAL. BEFORE IT WAS OVER, HE PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND WAS AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR. HE IS THE COAST GUARD'S ONLY RECIPIENT. TO THIS DAY HIS LEGACY CONTINUES TO GROW AND HE HAS SET THE STANDARD FOR ALL COAST GUARDSMEN WHO FOLLOWED. NOT BAD FOR A 22-YEAR-OLD...

By Dr. Robert Browning, Coast Guard Historian,
SCPO Richard Zittel, USCG, & PAC Ed Kruska, USCGR

MYSTIQUE



Monday, Sept. 27, 1999 was a brilliant, sunny day in the small central Washington town of Cle Elum. It may have been the most memorable day there in quite some time. Nearly 800 people from all parts of the nation turned out for a late-morning rededication of the Douglas A. Munro gravesite at Cle Elum's Laurel Hill Cemetery. In a solemn ceremony, SM1 Douglas A. Munro, the Coast Guard's only Medal of Honor recipient, was eulogized on the 57th anniversary of his death in combat against the Japanese at Guadalcanal.

MUNRO'S HEROIC ACTIONS

Douglas A. Munro grew up in Cle Elum and enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1939. While serving aboard *CGC Spencer*, he heard that the *USS Hunter Liggett* (APA-14) needed signalmen, and requested and received a transfer. At 535-feet, "Lucky Liggett" was one of the largest transports in the Pacific, with nearly 700 officers and men and 35 landing boats, including two LCTs. In April 1942, *Liggett* sailed to Wellington, New Zealand, to prepare for a major South Pacific campaign.

On Aug. 7, 1942, the United States embarked on its first major amphibious assault of the Pacific War. After successes at Coral Sea and Midway, the United States decided to counter Japanese advances in the Solomon

Islands. Tulagi and Guadalcanal were picked for an assault. Coast Guard-manned transports played a prominent role in the initial landings at Guadalcanal and other nearby islands. Munro, by now a signalman first-class, was assigned to temporary duty on the staff of the Commander, Transport Division 17.

After Munro made the landing on Tulagi Island, where fierce fighting lasted for several days, he was sent 20 miles across the channel to Guadalcanal, where the Marines had landed and had moved inland. The Americans quickly seized the airfield on the island, but for six months, both the United States and Japan poured troops onto Guadalcanal in an attempt for control.

A month into the campaign, the Marines on the island were reinforced and decided to push beyond their defensive perimeter to prevent smaller Japanese units from combining and striking American positions in overwhelming numbers.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, 1942, Marine Lt. Col. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller embarked three companies of his 7th Marines in landing craft. They planned to land west of the Matanikau River, drive out the Japanese and establish a patrol base on the west side of the river.

Munro took charge of 10 LCPs and LCTs (tank lighters) to transport Puller's men from Lunga Point to a small cove west of Point Cruz. The Marines landed with the support of the destroyer *USS Monssen*. The 500 Marines pushed inland unopposed and reorganized on a ridge about 500 yards from the beach. At about the time they reached the ridge, they were attacked simultaneously by Japanese bombers and by an overwhelming Japanese force to the west of the river. Munro and the boats had already returned to Lunga Point when they got word that the Marines were in trouble. Munro volunteered to lead the boats back to the beach to extract the Marines. His Higgins boat had a plywood hull, was slow and vulnerable, and was armed only with two .30-caliber Lewis machine guns.

As Munro led the boats ashore, the Japanese fired on the small boats, causing a number of casualties. Munro led the other boats to the beach two or three at a time to pick up the Marines, who had arrived on the beach under heavy fire, to embark on the landing craft. With Munro and Coast Guard Petty Officer Ray Evans successfully providing cover from an exposed position, all the Marines, including 25 wounded, managed to escape.

As they passed toward Point Cruz, Munro and Evans noticed an LCT full of Marines grounded on the beach. Munro



USCG photo by PA3 Jamie Bigelow



directed another tank lighter to pull it off. After 20 minutes, it was free, but the Japanese continued to fire. Though Evans shouted a warning to Munro, the roar of the boat's engine prevented Munro from hearing and a single bullet hit him in the base of the skull. SM1 Douglas A. Munro died before reaching the base. In two weeks, he would have been 23.

A SPAR CARRIES ON...

Due to his extraordinary heroism, outstanding leadership and gallantry, Munro posthumously received the Medal of Honor, the only Coast Guardsmen to ever receive this highest of awards. His mother and father, Edith and James Munro, accepted the award on his behalf.

Mrs. Munro wrote the following letter, published in the April 1943 edition of *Coast Guard Magazine*:

"At first the news of his death seemed unbearable, but as time goes on we begin to see that his life's mission was finished on this earth, and that he more than earned his way to whatever paradise awaits. I would like you to know that it was the very high traditions of the Coast Guard Service, the saving and preserving of life, which definitely decided Douglas to enter the Coast Guard Service, and...[this] has been and will continue to be a great comfort to his father and myself."

When the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard (SPARs) was established in November 1942, Mrs. Munro signed up. She was 48 years old at that time, and after attending Officer Candidate School at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade on May 27, 1943.

"My grandmother felt that joining the SPARs was the right thing to do," said CDR Doug Sheehan, a retired Coast Guard Reservist and nephew of Douglas Munro.

Edith Fairey Munro was born in Liverpool, England, on April 16, 1895. Her family moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, when she was 13. She married an American, James Munro, in Vancouver on Sept. 19, 1914. They had two children: Douglas and Patricia (Sheehan).

As a SPAR, her duties included serving as head of the SPAR barracks in Seattle. But LT Munro attended many Coast Guard ceremonial functions, during and after the

war, including christening of the Navy destroyer escort *Munro* in Houston in 1944.

"She spent so much time on behalf of the Coast Guard," said CDR Sheehan. "Whatever the Coast Guard wanted her to do, she would do."

RADM Bobby Hollingsworth, USCG (Ret.), escorted Mrs. Munro when she was an honored guest of the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans Association's 40th commemoration ceremonies at Winter Park, Fla., in 1982.

"She was the kind of person who would have a great son that did a great thing like he did," said Hollingsworth.

On Nov. 17, 1983 at the age of 88, she passed away and was buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Cle Elum next to her husband, who died in 1962, and her son, Douglas.

SEEDS OF A CEREMONY

For over 30 years, Douglas Munro's childhood friend, Mike Cooley, kept a vigil over his friend's grave, personally raising and lowering the American flag every day. He walked three miles from home each day to the cemetery to conduct "colors" to honor his fallen friend and hero.

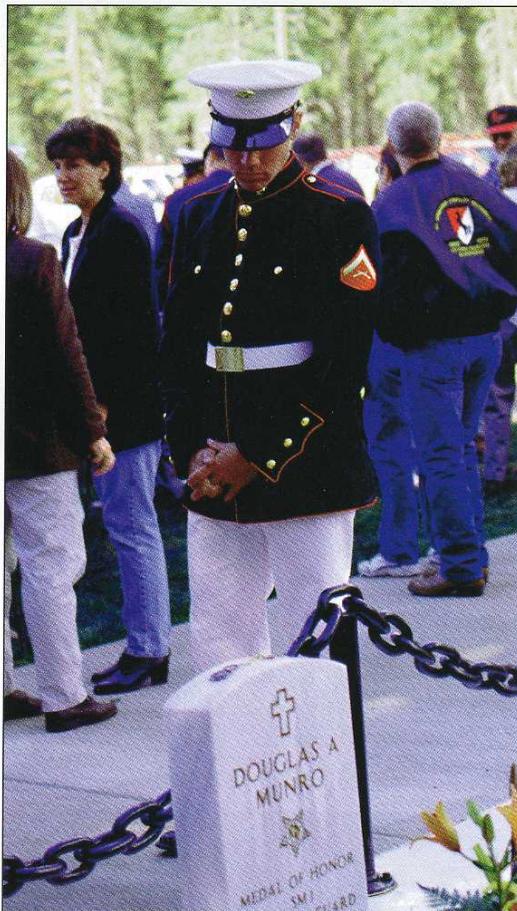
He never missed a day.

Even when he had pneumonia, Cooley still stood the watch twice a day, with his daughter giving him a ride back and forth from home.

"It gets harder in winter, but it's a commitment," said Cooley in a *Seattle Times* article published Nov. 10, 1998.

In that same article, Cooley mentioned that perhaps the flag could be lit at night (allowing it to remain flying 24 hours a day), or that someone could take over for him some day.

The article was read by many Coast Guardsmen across the nation, and things began to happen. MCPO-CG Vince Patton III received an outpouring of e-mails concerning the gravesite from people wondering if they could help Cooley somehow. He talked with D13 Command Master Chief Dave Ojeda about it. Meanwhile, in Seattle, GMC Larry Tankersley, CWO4 Vince Stauffer, DCC Henry Connors and RDCM Mark Brown visited the cemetery in February 1999 to see what they could do. When it wasn't possible to procure a used government flag



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USCG photo courtesy Coast Guard Historian

pole because Laurel Hill Cemetery was not a government owned or operated cemetery, the Yorktown chapter of CPO Association suggested buying a new flag pole for \$3,000. Donations poured in from around the nation.

Meanwhile, the Douglas Munro VFW Post in Cle Elum had been trying for a number of years to erect a memorial wall that listed names of personnel from the State of Washington who died in past wars. When RDCM Mark Brown, president of the Seattle Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association heard about this, he offered to help assist with funding (\$30,000) and building the memorial — just a few yards from Munro's grave.

Things were happening, but there were still obstacles. In addition to the obvious need for funds, one obstacle was the laying of approximately 1,200 feet of underground electrical cable to the site. Original estimates for this part of the project alone were staggering (\$16,000). Another roadblock was an architectural drawing for the memorial wall's concrete foundation. But the determination of the chiefs and local veterans organizations overcame these obstacles. Many of the materials and labor were donated by local construction companies. Where possible, volunteers from the Chief Petty Officers Association, Aids to Navigation Team Kennewick, and

Facilities Development Design and Construction Seattle also pitched in to make this huge project a reality.

Patton was successful in having the gravesite designated a Coast Guard unit (with its own OPFAC) so funds for maintenance and upkeep could be budgeted annually by the Coast Guard.

All of this came none too soon. Unfortunately, Mike Cooley passed away last July 20 — just two months prior to the rededication.

A SOLEMN CEREMONY

There were two major parts to the rededication of Munro's gravesite on Sept. 27. First, the Veterans Memorial Wall was dedicated. It contains the names of over 300 veterans, a replica of the Medal of Honor citation awarded to Munro, and seals of each of the five military services.

The new flag pole was dedicated next. Presented by the Seattle chapter of the Chief Petty Officer Association, it was complete with accent lamps which allowed Old Glory to fly over the Munro gravesite 24 hours a day.

Keynote speakers included RADM Paul M. Blayney, Commander, 13th Coast Guard District; George Katalinich, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars



Douglas Munro Post 1373, and Patton. The speakers delivered their messages against a backdrop of flags representing the Allied nations that participated in World War II's Pacific theater. Chief petty officers from around the nation stood by each flag throughout the ceremony.

Blayney spoke of the tremendous contributions of the Munro family. While many know of the sacrifices of Douglas Munro, Blayney explained how Douglas' mother joined the ranks of the SPARs.

"Her service eventually brought her back to Seattle where she was assigned as commanding officer of the Base Seattle Barracks," said Blayney. "She was also the first woman to ever attend a 13th District staff meeting and later became a valued member of RADM Frederick Zeusler's team."

Katalinich offered background information about the veterans organizations from Kittitas County that worked hard to bring the project to fruition. He then unveiled the memorial wall.

Patton, the third speaker, spoke extemporaneously about events leading to that fateful day in the South Pacific. He explained in detail how Munro was able to maneuver his landing craft up to the beachhead. His seamanship resulted in the saving of some 500 U.S. Marines engaged with the enemy just beyond the high-tide line. He concluded by noting that Munro's honor, respect, and devotion to duty that day represented the highest traditions of the Coast Guard.

During a separate part of the ceremony, Patton accepted responsibility on behalf of all Coast Guard chief petty officers for the maintenance of the gravesite.

Attendees also enjoyed a pre-ceremony concert presented by the Coast Guard Band. During the ceremony, the band played the national anthem as well as a special ballad written to honor Munro. A joint Coast Guard and Marine Corps color guard posted the colors on the new flag pole. Representatives of the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team put on an awesome demonstration of weapons handling.

Perhaps the most moving segment of the ceremony was the playing of Taps, which followed a 21-gun salute in the distance behind the crowd. What made Taps so special is it was played by local resident Ernie Breznikar, the same person who played Taps 57 years ago at

Munro's funeral, and later at Edith Munro's funeral in 1983.

After the ceremony, attendees packed the local Eagles Hall for a reception and lunch. Among the many honored guests was Patricia Sheehan, Douglas Munro's sister. She expressed her appreciation on behalf of the entire family. A number of presentations and donations were made to support the flagpole and memorial wall. Young and old, locals and visitors from across the nation, shared their knowledge and feelings about Douglas Munro.

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN...

And so, the Munro mystique lives on.

Douglas Munro has long been remembered and honored at various Coast Guard installations across the

nation. At TRACEN Cape May, N.J., his statue graces the west end of the parade grounds. Recruits, as well as reservists attending Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination, live in nearby Munro Hall. Other Coast Guardsmen serve on the CGC *Munro* homeported in Alameda, Calif. Awards, streets, buildings, music, and even Medal of Honor dinners are named for him. Many portraits of Munro have been painted and Coast Guard cadets see his likeness each time they pass the new Amphibious Personnel



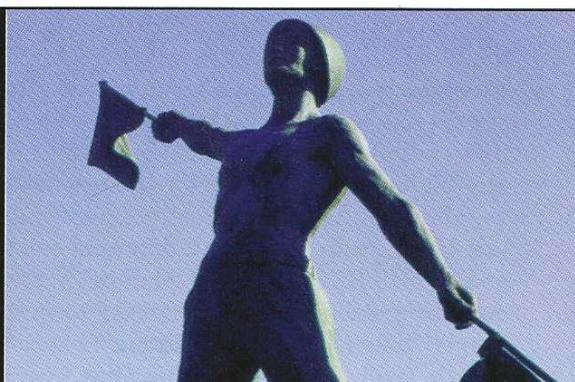
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Assault monument when entering the Coast Guard Academy library. The newly renovated Munro Hall will be dedicated at the Academy next spring, and a replica of his statue and Medal of Honor are on display on the second deck at Headquarters. In Cle Elum, the VFW post is named for him.

And now, Munro's gravesite is an official Coast Guard unit. The stars and stripes flutter in the breeze near his grave right now as you read this. In the future, the Munro gravesite may be listed as a Washington State historical site.

SM1 Douglas A. Munro paid the ultimate sacrifice. Yet, he lives.

Ed's note: To reread an unabridged version of the Douglas Munro story, see the Coast Guard Historian's Web site at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/FAQS/Munro.html>. For Munro's Medal of Honor citation, see: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/FAQS/MunroMoH.html>.



IN BRIEF

• IMPLEMENTING PS RATING CHANGES —

ALCOAST 127/99, "Utilization of the Re-Aligned Port Security Workforce," was issued on Oct. 4, 1999 to ensure that the 900 members of the PS rating will be trained and used to provide security for both domestic and foreign ports. ALCOAST 127/99 (042229Z OCT 99) pointed out that port security is a key homeland defense mission and that proactive steps taken now to enhance security in our ports may

lessen the need for reactive responses later. All members of the PS rating should take the opportunity to review the full message, which is available on the MCPO-CG's Web site (www.uscg.mil/hq/mcpocg/default.htm), as well as on the Reserve message page (www.uscg.mil/reserve).



• **NEW WOMEN'S UNIFORM ISSUE** — Uniform orders announced in the August 1999 *Reservist* are slowly trickling into Commandant (G-WTR-3). Because of the slow response, there is concern that members may be withholding orders for lack of funds. Remember, **this uniform issue does not cost the member anything.**

Because these are new uniform items, members will be issued the new coat, skirt, slacks, shirts, and tab tie. Members receive a uniform allowance in their drill pay to offset the cost of maintaining uniforms, but are not expected to purchase these expensive new items from that small stipend. Also, at least one out of three uniform orders received so far has been incomplete (missing complete sizing information, shipping addresses, phone numbers, even the name of the member). Please review the sizing instructions provided and the form before mailing. Do not say simply, "size 12." The new items require three characters: (1) women's, misses, or junior (2) numerical size (3) short, regular, or long lengths. Without name, address, phone number and correct sizes, orders will be delayed or returned. Questions can be directed to CWO3 Sandie Robillard, srobillard@comdt.uscg.mil, (202) 267-2646 or SK1 Karen Bray, kbray@comdt.uscg.mil, (202) 267-1932.

• OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR SURVIVOR

BENEFIT PLAN — An open enrollment period for the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) is now in effect until Feb. 29, 2000. Retirees and reservists who have attained retirement status (have received their satisfactory federal service 20-year letter), and are not currently enrolled in SBP, Supplemental SBP, or Reserve Component SBP are eligible to elect coverage for their spouses, former spouses, and/or children. If a retiree does not have a spouse and/or children, a non-family member may be designated as the beneficiary. This open enrollment period also offers current enrollees the opportunity to increase existing coverage. This is the first open enrollment period since March 1993. **Please ensure that you are enrolled.**

For more information, check the HRSIC web page (www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/index.htm), then click on Retirees). An article on SBP open enrollment is on pages five through 14 of the April 1999 *Retiree Newsletter*. HRSIC(ras) can be reached at 1-800-772-8724.

• COAST GUARDS AROUND THE WORLD —

Beginning with the January 2000 issue, *The Reservist* will publish a year-long series about coast guards (in many cases, navies) from other nations. If you have experience or knowledge of other coast guards and would like to write an article for this series, drop us an e-mail at: ekruska@comdt.uscg.mil or write us at Commandant (G-WTR-2). Complete address is on page 3.



• **COASTIES OF THE CENTURY** — If you had to name a Coastie(s) of the Century, who would they be? Drop us a line with your top three picks and we'll put together a compilation based on our readers' responses for an article later this fall.

• SELRES DENTAL PREMIUM UP A DIME —

The monthly premium for the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program (TSRDP) increased to \$4.22 per month on Oct. 1, 1999. The rate will stay at that figure through Sept. 30, 2000. The previous premium was \$4.12. Selected Reserve members saw the premium increase reflected in their September 1999 Leave and Earnings Statement. Reservists who enrolled in the plan on or after Sept. 1, 1999 did so at the new rate. For a total premium of \$50.64 per year, enrollees get up to \$1,000 worth of benefits under the plan, including dental exams, X-rays, two cleanings per year, fillings, simple extractions, emergency exams and pain relief treatment. For more information check out the TSRDP Web site at www.humana-military.com/home.html.

• GSA AIR FARES FOR RESERVISTS —

Landmark legislation effective Oct. 1, 1999 allows drilling reservists to purchase airline tickets at the General Services Administration (GSA) City Pair contract rates when traveling by air to perform weekend drills. Airlines previously excluded members of the Reserve and National Guard from using the government fares, even though they were in an official duty status. In order for reservists to utilize the rates for official travel, they must get written permission from their unit commander, use the GSA travel card, book their travel through a contracted Commercial Ticket Office (CTO), use contracted City Pair airlines, routes and schedules, and comply with all rules contained in the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. For more information, see the web site: http://raweb.osd.mil/news/press_releases/Ceremony.htm

MESSAGES

Here is a partial listing of the latest messages from the Reserve Web Site Message Board. A complete listing can be found at www.uscg.mil/reserve/msg.htm.

P 011736Z NOV 99	ALCGPERSCOM 097/99	RPA Selection Board
R 291821Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 163/99, COMDTNOTE 1231	Dir. Comm. Opp. for CWO & Enl. Pers. W/ Tech. Acad. Deg. in Eng.
R 291743Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 162/99, COMDTNOTE 7220	Interim Change Nineteen to Coast Guard Pay Manual
R 291735Z OCT 99	ALCGRSV 026/99	Selected Reserve Direct Commission (SRDC) Program
R 281149Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 161/99, COMDTNOTE 1540	Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP) Training
R 271628Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 160/99, COMDTNOTE 5270	OSC Emergency
R 262124Z OCT 99	ALCGRSV 025/99	Late OERS For Reserve LCDR Selection Board
R 261526Z OCT 99	ALCGENL 066/99	Solicitation for Mbrs. on the ET/FT Merger Implement. Dev. Team
R 261427Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 158/99, COMDTNOTE 5320	Update & Overview of Our Workforce Restoration Plan
P 252357Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 156/99, COMDTNOTE 5360	Half-Masting of National Ensign
P 252234Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 155/99, COMDTNOTE 12280	Deployment of Civilian Pers. Resource Mnmt System Phase I
R 221850Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 154/99, COMDTNOTE 5720	Raising the Visibility of the Coast Guard on Film and Television
R 221823Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 153/99, COMDTNOTE 5500	Family Infrastructure Protection
R 201349Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 152/99, COMDTNOTE 5300	Prep. for Y2K Changeover: Mission Critical Sys. and Equip.
R 201257Z OCT 99	ALCGPERSCOM 093/99	Reserve Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Selection Board
R 191600Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 151/99, COMDTNOTE 1650	1999 CFO & American Society of Military Comptroller Awards
R 191451Z SEP 99	ALCOAST 150/99, COMDTNOTE 8000	Level III Small Arms Qualification
P 191350Z OCT 99	ALCGOFF 076/99	PY00 LTJG Selection Board
R 191245Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 148/99, COMDTNOTE 16000	Physician Assistant Education Service Payback
R 191137Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 147/99, COMDTNOTE 1541	Team Coordination Training (TCT)
R 182229Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 146/99, COMDTNOTE 1426	Selected Reserve Direct Commission (SRDC) Program
R 181915Z OCT 99	ALCGPERSCOM 092/99	Updated Sched. of CG Recruit. Ctr Sel. Bids for Off. Acsn. Prog.
R 151900Z OCT 99	ALCGPERSCOM 091/99	PY00 Reserve Enlisted-To-Warrant Officer Appointment Board
P 151329Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 144/99	Project Kimball — Coastal Maritime Safety & Security 2010
R 141658Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 143/99, COMDTNOTE 1500	DOD Senior Enlisted Academies Solicitation
R 131548Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 141/99, COMDTNOTE 1710	Sports Participation Grant Program
P 131454Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 140/99, COMDTNOTE 5400	Organizational Structure Status
P 131347Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 139/99, COMDTNOTE 7100	FY00 Budget Guidance
R 121911Z OCT 99	ALCGENL 063/99	Solicit. for Mem. on Info. Technologist (IT) Rating Dev. Team
R 121540Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 138/99, COMDTNOTE 1000	Y2K Compliance of the Enlisted Evaluation Form, CG-3788
R 121328Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 137/99, COMDTNOTE 4600	CG HR Service & Info. Ctr. Travel Toll-Free No. (1-888-872-4885)
R 081953Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 136/99	Training Reqs. for Shippers of Haz. Material & Haz. Waste
R 071838Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 134/99, COMDTNOTE 1500	Coast Guard Unit Leadership Program
R 071251Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 133/99, COMDTNOTE 1754	National Depression Awareness Day
R 061940Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 132/99, COMDTNOTE 10120	Uniform Clothing Pricing For FY00
R 061530Z OCT 99	ALLCOGARDSEVEN 059/99	1999 T. E. Morris CG Reserve Award (<i>noms due Dec. 6, 1999</i>)
R 052001Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 129/99, COMDTNOTE 3501	Readiness System Development Team SITREP One
R 042229Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 127/99, COMDTNOTE 16600	Util. of the Re-Aligned PS Workforce
R 042223Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 126/99, COMDTNOTE 7220	Beneficiary Financial Counseling Services
R 042208Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 125/99, COMDTNOTE 1000	Joint Ratings Review Implementation Planning Team Update
R 042028Z OCT 99	ALCOAST 124/99, COMDTNOTE 5300	"Stroke of the Pen" Workforce Personnel Policy Changes

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 1999

- **PEARL HARBOR DAY CEREMONY & WREATHLAYING** — Tuesday, Dec. 7, 11:55 a.m. aboard *CGC Taney*, at Pier 5, Pratt Street, in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Sponsored by Baltimore's Maritime Museum and Living Classrooms Foundation. Contact Mr. Paul Cora, 802 S. Caroline St., Baltimore, MD 21231. 410-396-3453; FAX: 410-396-3393; E-mail: nationalhistoricseaport@erols.com.
- **WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT** — By U.S. Coast Guard Band, Sunday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m. (geared toward younger audience) and 7 p.m. Evening concert will be broadcast live on National Public Radio. Free admission, no tickets required, at CG Academy's Leamy Hall, New London, Conn. For info., contact concert hotline at 860-701-6826 or check the web: www.cga.edu/band/

JANUARY 2000

- **ROA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE** — Jan. 24-26. ROA Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer will be honored at a congressional reception Jan. 24. Contact ROA, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. 202-479-2200. Web: www.roa.org. **The Coast Guard reception is Monday, Jan. 24, 5-8 p.m. at ROA Headquarters Building, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. Contact LCDR Robert Carmack, 8417 Bates Dr., Bowie, MD 20720. 301-262-8066, E-mail: RCarmack@ventera.com.**

FEBRUARY 2000

- **COAST GUARD RESERVE 59TH BIRTHDAY--** The Coast Guard Reserve was formed Feb. 19, 1941. What type of event is your unit planning to observe this special occasion?

CONGRATULATIONS

• **BM3 Mark T. Boivin of Station Padre Island, Texas** was the 1998 recipient of the *Douglas A. Munro Award for Inspirational Leadership*. The award is given to a Coast Guard enlisted member for demonstrated outstanding leadership and professional competence. Boivin, a former reservist, earned this distinction after only seven months on active duty. **LT Gary L. Tomasulo**, commanding officer of *CGC Key Largo* (WPB 1324) is the 1998 recipient of the *CAPT David H. Jarvis Award for Inspirational Leadership*. The award is given to a CG officer for outstanding contributions to the highest standards of competence and leadership in the USCG. Both Tomasulo and Boivin were honored at the Navy League's national convention in Chicago during July. See ALCOAST 038/99 for details.

• **LCDR Robert Meyer, USCGR**, was recently awarded the Employer Support of Guard & Reserve's Seven Seals Award by **Brig. Gen. Thomas Cutler**, 127th Wing commander at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. Meyer, owner of Precision Measuring Corp. in Fraser, Mich., was recommended for the award by his employee, **Ronelva Gietzen**, a Master Sergeant with the 127th Mission Support Flight. Gietzen said Meyer is an "outstanding supporter of my Guard service." Only three Seven Seals Awards are given each year by the state committee

for ESGR to employers who go above and beyond the legal requirements to support their Guard employees. When accepting the award, Meyer said the skills Gietzen developed on her Air National Guard job made her a successful candidate for her civilian position and she continues to be valuable to the company. Meyer also said he understands the difficulty of balancing two careers, as he is a 19-year veteran of the Coast Guard Reserve and drills as an operations officer at Coast Guard Group Detroit.

• **Jessica Lillie, daughter of CDR and Mrs. Christopher Lillie and Joshua Mehling, son of CDR and Mrs. Stephen Mehling**, each won a \$1,000 scholarship through The Retired Officers Association recently. **Joel Sautler**, son of CG Reservist **CAPT and Mrs. Jerry Sautler**, was the first runner-up. All are attending college: Lillie at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Mehling at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Sautler is attending Seattle Pacific University.

• **LT Michael B. Bee, USCGR, of MSO San Francisco**, was recently awarded a Certificate of Merit Reservist of the Year Award by the Navy League of the United States, Pacific Central Region, for outstanding service. He was honored at the Navy League's July 9 luncheon at Coast Guard Island, Alameda, Calif.

MEDALS & AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal

CDR Jim Yacobi, Mobile Support Unit, Curtis Bay, Md.

Joint Service Commendation Medal

CDR John J. Marks, Joint Chiefs of Staff (E.Eur Div.)

Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

LCDR George Plante, USCGR(Ret-1)

Coast Guard Achievement Medal

LCDR Ken Carlile, MSO Morgan City, La.

LT Robert P. Rushlow, HDCU 110

LT Nathan B. Smith, USNR, HDCU 110

LT Marc Taylor, MSO San Francisco

LTJG Victoria A. Kennedy, USNR, HDCU 110

CWO Stephen Friday, MSO San Francisco

DCCM Kory Gabrielsen, ISC St. Louis

BMCS James Hancock, ISC St. Louis

BMC Steven Daugherty, ISC St. Louis

ETC Richard L. Hines, ESD Baltimore, Md.

YNC Ellen Lautenschlager, HDCU 201

DC1 Mark Webb, ISC St. Louis

EM1 Jeffrey Theros, ISC St. Louis

MK1 Richard McComber, ISC St. Louis

Commandant's Letter of Commendation

LT John Livingstone, Jr., MSO San Francisco

IVC Brendan Kerin, CGIS NW Region

MST1 Jessica Brooks, MSO San Francisco

PS1 Robert J. Minard III, MSO Tampa, Fla.

SK1 Michael V. Pepitone, HDCU 110

MST2 Mark Rea, MSO San Francisco

MST3 Steven Guidi, MSO San Francisco

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

USCG Element of JTRU, USTRANSCOM, Scott AFB, Ill.

CG Meritorious Team Commendation

YNC Ellen Lautenschlager, HDCU 201 (3 awards)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

LCDR William Tubbs (20 years)

PSC Steven Rupnow (10 years)

RETIREMENTS

AUGUST 1999

MK2 David B. Wear, D13

SEPTEMBER 1999

LCDR Roderick S. Hooker, D13

LCDR Russell W. Lynn, D7

LCDR Melissa M. Sheppard, D11

YNCS Jeanine M. Love, D9

PSC James D. Littlejohn, D8

PS1 James H. Windley, D8

TC1 Richard G. Portwine, D1

PS3 Porfirio A. Gutierrez, D8

OCTOBER 1999

CDR George K. Kantz, D9

CDR John E. Paquet, D1

LCDR Alfred Apodaca, D13

LCDR Robert F. Babcock, D9

LCDR Donald S. Delikat, D1

LCDR James L. McBride, D1

LCDR Richard E. McCulley, D11

LT Eugene G. Rodgers, D5

CWO4 Joseph J. Kozaczka, D1*

PACS Amleto M. Toscano, D5

QMCS George A. Eiskamp, D1

PSC Ronald H. Dulin, D11*

PSC Gary Muniz, D1

YN1 Mark K. Chronister, D5

BM2 Stephen H. Safrit, D5

MK2 Kirby J. Boudreaux, D8

MK2 David D. Faires, D13

NOVEMBER 1999

CAPT Grover N. Lipe, D8

* *RET-1 (Retired With Pay); all others without * are RET-2 except where noted. Source: HRSIC (ras)*

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO LEAD

(OR TOO LATE TO LEARN HOW)

Ed's note: With this issue, we begin a new tradition of publishing an article every other month by Reserve Command Master Chiefs from throughout the Coast Guard. MCPO Jeff Smith, who penned this article, can be reached at P.O. Box 241, Orleans, MA 02653. Phone: 508-255-4961. Pager: 1-800-963-8976. E-mail: rcmclant@aol.com.

I recently had the distinct privilege of being involved with the first two Reserve Chief Petty Officer classes held at the CPO Academy in New London, Conn. Those of you who have attended know that much of the curriculum is focused on providing individuals with tools to improve and hone their leadership skills. As I observed the 54 chiefs progress through the 13-day class, I began to focus on what a leader is, and a question came to mind: When do leaders first begin to gain the skills necessary to be successful?

When thinking about leadership, I find it helpful to separate leadership from authority level or rank structure. While seniority of rank or status may give the impression of leadership, it certainly does not guarantee it. If you are waiting for someone to give you the "authority" to lead, you are probably not ready for the job.

During my career I have been fortunate to have observed and benefited from what I'll call "leaders without portfolio." The first I can recall was a young non-rate at Station Chatham, Mass. This average 19-year-old from Anywhere, USA, was a remarkable boat handler. His skills, coupled with an innate sense of professionalism, was recognized by his OINC. His reward was to earn coxswain qualification as a 44-foot MLB driver as an SNBM — not an everyday occurrence in the Coast Guard, especially at Station Chatham, which hosts some of the East Coast's most hazardous surf conditions.

What was it that allowed this young non-rate to emerge as a leader and integral part of Station Chatham's SAR mission? Was it formal leadership training? No. Was it rank structure? Obviously not. What then? I believe it was a combination of things:

natural ability, willingness to accept a challenge, hard work and perseverance, a willingness to make mistakes, and good leadership. Whatever the reason, I know for a fact that that non-rate's example fueled my own personal fire to become qualified as a 44-foot coxswain at Station Chatham. I can think of no greater tribute to anyone than to say that he or she, by his or her actions, has inspired others to do better.



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Can good leaders become poor ones? Absolutely. And, for any number of reasons. My personal belief is that one reason good leaders go bad is that they allow complacency to become their standard. People get comfortable in their positions, in what they know and how they do their jobs. They stop looking for new challenges to move themselves and their team forward. They begin to coast and as the saying goes, "you have to go downhill to coast."

All of us, at every level from the newest to the most senior member, need to take an honest leadership "gut check" every so often. Have we become stagnant? Are we training our relief, or are we holding people

back? Are we making things better for those who will follow? There is nothing wrong with asking tough questions. In my opinion, that's what good leaders do. But we need to ask those questions of ourselves as well.

As I travel around LANTAREA in my new assignment as your Reserve Command Master Chief, I take great pride in seeing and hearing about the terrific work you are doing, whether as part of your regular augmentation, or during recalls, such as the recent JFK Jr. tragedy or the flooding in North Carolina (I know you folks in PACAREA are just as busy).

I am confident you are doing what is necessary to inspire those around you, to grab the leadership challenge, to ask the tough questions, and to push us all to the next level.

**By MCPO Jeff Smith,
Reserve Command Master Chief, LANTAREA**

HONOR:

SHE SUPPORTED THE DECISION OF HER ONLY SON TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND DEFEND THE COUNTRY.

RESPECT:

SHE ACCEPTED THE MEDAL OF HONOR ON BEHALF OF HER SON, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE IN THE BATTLE OF GUADALCANAL.

DEVOTION TO DUTY:

SHE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE SPARS A YEAR LATER TO CONTINUE IN THE TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.



*Edith Munro
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USCG SPAR,
WWII Veteran
& Doug's Mom.*

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